

Note to Readers:

The Cash and Counseling Program is a three-state (Arkansas, Florida, and New Jersey) demonstration approved October 9, 1998. The development of these demonstrations followed a unique process that began with a solicitation of interest in operating the Cash and Counseling model by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) in partnership with the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) in the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). RWJF funding was awarded to the three states to develop the programs that would become their 1115 demonstrations.

The states did not submit section 1115 applications to CMS. In lieu of a section 1115 application process, DHHS, RWJF, and the states collaborated on developing the experimental design and specifying the features of the demonstration to be uniformly implemented by the states. While the types of services for which the cash allowance was to be made available varied across the three states, they uniformly implemented a randomization process for determining participation in self-directing services under a specified system of counseling and support activities. Uniform Special Terms and Conditions and award letters were developed for implementation of the section 1115 demonstration programs. RWJ and ASPE co-fund the independent evaluation of the program.

The RWJF grant approval letter reflected on this website is not meant to represent current CMS demonstration application procedure. States interested in submitting 1115 demonstration applications should contact CMS for preparation guidelines.

THE
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December 13, 1996

The Honorable Christine Todd Whitman
Governor
State of New Jersey
125 West State Street
CN 001
Trenton, NJ 08625-0001

Reference: I.D. #030839 Dear Governor Whitman:

It is a pleasure to inform you that The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has approved a grant of \$167,626 to the State of New Jersey Department of Human Services in 12-month support of its participation in the Foundation's program, Independent Choices: Enhancing Consumer Direction for People with Disabilities.

The funds are to be used in accordance with the proposal to the Foundation and the terms and conditions outlined in the Request for Project Support, dated May 14, 1996. They are also to be used in accordance with the final budget and are to be applied over the period January 1, 1997, through December 31, 1997. Our Treasurer's Office will be in touch concerning payment of this grant and reporting requirements.

If your organization wishes to issue a news release on this grant, please feel free to do so. We ask that a copy of the draft text be sent to us for our review and information in advance of dissemination. Please allow three days for this process. Address the copy to the Foundation to the attention of Ann Searight in our Communications Office.

All of us at The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation wish you success in carrying out this important undertaking.

Sincerely,

/s/

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